

## POISON FOUND IN BODY OF DEAD POLICEMAN

**Arsenic Taken from Liver—  
Other Bodies to Be Exhumed  
—Arrest of Mrs. Vermilya Or-  
dered.**

Arsenic was found in the liver of Arthur F. Bisonette, the policeman who became ill at the residence of Mrs. Louise Vermilya, 415 E. 29th street, and who died



**Mrs. Louise Vermilya.**

under mysterious circumstances at the Mercy hospital.

In a report made to Coroner Hoffman today, chemists who have been examining the body said they found enough poison to cause the death of the officer. "Abundant quantities of arsenic," said the report.

Capt. Harding of the 22d street

station ordered an inquest held on the body and the arrest of Mrs. Vermilya. The woman has been under police guard at her home for a week.

Proceedings will be started for exhuming the body of Richard Smith and others whose lives crossed the paths of this woman of sudden and mysterious death, and whose deaths occurred at her residence.

The woman startled the police last night by announcing that she desired to make her will, and asked that her attorney be sent for. She said the reason she wished to make her will was that she did not want any squabble over her property in case she died suddenly.

The fortitude and self-possession that have sustained her in her ordeal failed her as the crisis in her life approaches today.

This woman of fatal friendships, whose life story reads like a page from the career of Lucretia Borgia, broke down today, and was reported to be seriously ill. Her physician denied the rumor that she had swallowed poison, and declared she was threatened with pneumonia.

The police guard at her home has been doubled, and woman nurses were placed at her bedside to prevent her from harming herself.

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**F. W. Woolworth has contrived to form a \$65,000,000 corporation to merge nearly all 5 and 10 cent stores of America.**